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Louisiana Crop Prospects

Preliminary indications from the 2010 harvest point towards new state records for rice and sorghum yields for Louisiana. Soybean yield is expected to be the second highest yield on record, only one bushel away from tying the state record set in 2007.

Louisiana **rice** production is forecast at 34.1 million cwt, down four percent from the previous month but up 17 percent from 2009. Estimated production is down from last month as rice harvested acreage was revised to 525,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from the June acreage estimate. Yield per acre is forecast at 6,500 pounds, up 100 pounds from the previous month and up 200 pounds from last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record.

Sorghum production is estimated at 8.5 million bushels in the state, unchanged from the August estimate but up 59 percent from 2009. Acreage to be harvested for grain is forecast at 85,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 100 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but up 18 bushels from a year ago. If realized, this would break the existing record of 97 bushels per acre set in 2005.

Soybean production is expected to total 42 million bushels in Louisiana, up five percent from the August estimate and up 15 percent from 2009. An estimated one million acres will be harvested, up 60,000 acres from 2009. Yield is forecast at 42 bushels per acre, up two bushels from the previous month and up three bushels from last year.

Louisiana's **cotton** production is expected to total 410,000 bales, up five percent from the August estimate and up 17 percent from last year. Acreage of cotton expected for harvest was revised to 250,000 acres, up 25,000 acres from the June acreage estimate. The expected yield per acre, at 787 pounds, is down 45 pounds from the August estimate but up 42 pounds from 2009.

Louisiana's **corn** production is forecast at 72.0 million bushels, unchanged from the previous month's estimate but down 11 percent from last year. An estimated 480,000 acres will be harvested for grain, down 130,000 acres from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 150 bushels, is unchanged from last month but up 18 bushels from last year's yield.

The Louisiana **sugarcane** crop is estimated at 12.9 million net tons, unchanged from the previous month but down six percent from last year. Harvested acreage for sugar and seed is forecast at 415,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 31 net tons per acre, unchanged from the August estimate but down 1.2 net tons from last year.

United States Crop Prospects

Rice production is forecast at 255 million cwt, up four percent from the August forecast and up 16 percent from last year. Based on administrative data, planted area now totals 3.6 million acres, up four percent from the June estimate and up 16 percent from 2009. Area for harvest is expected to total 3.6 million acres, up four percent from August and up 17 percent from 2009. As of September 1, the average United States yield is forecast at 7,047 pounds per acre, up eight pounds from the previous forecast but down 38 pounds from last year. Expected yields are up from last month in all states except California and Arkansas. If the forecasts are realized, new record-high yields will be achieved in Louisiana and Missouri.

Sorghum production is forecast at 376 million bushels, down two percent from both last month and last year. Expected area for harvest as grain is forecast at 5.2 million acres, unchanged from August but down six percent from 2009. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 72.7 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from August but up 3.3 bushels from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.5 billion bushels, up one percent from August and four percent above last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 44.7 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from both last month and last year. Compared with last month, yields are forecast higher or unchanged across the central and northern Corn Belt, with the exception of Michigan. The largest increases in yield from last month are expected in Maryland and Virginia, both up four bushels. With the exceptions of Louisiana and the Carolinas, yields are forecast down across the Delta States, Southern Great Plains and Southeast.

All Cotton production is forecast at 18.8 million 480-pound bales, up two percent from last month and up 55 percent from last year's 12.2 million bales. Yield is expected to average 839 pounds per harvested acre, up 62 pounds from last year. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 18.3 million 480-pound bales, 56 percent above 2009. Yields in the Delta region are expected to decrease from last month, while producers in Texas are expecting increased yields. **American Pima** production, forecast at 497,800 bales, was carried forward from last month.

Corn production is forecast at a record 13.2 billion bushels, down two percent from the August forecast, but up from the previous record of 13.1 billion bushels set in 2009. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 162.5 bushels per acre, down 2.5 bushels from the previous month and 2.2 bushels below last year's record of 164.7 bushels.

Sugarcane production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 30.2 million net tons, down fractionally from the August 1 forecast and down one percent from 2009. Production decreases from last year are expected in Hawaii and Louisiana, while increases are expected in Florida and Texas. Producers

intend to harvest 876,200 acres for sugar and seed in 2010, down 7,000 acres from last month but up 2,300 acres from last year. In Texas, harvested acreage for sugar and seed is expected to total 52,000 acres. If realized, this will be a record high for the state. Conversely, producers in Hawaii are expected to harvest 17,200 acres for sugar and seed. If realized, this will be a record low for the state. Expected yield is forecast at 34.5 net tons per acre, up 0.2 ton from the August 1 forecast but down 0.3 ton from 2009.

CROP REPORT - LOUISIANA September 1, 2010

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010
Corn for grain	610	480	132	150	bushels	80,520	72,000
Upland cotton	225	250	745	787	lbs: bales	349	410
Rice, all	464	525	6,300	6,500	lbs: cwt	29,217	35,125
Sorghum for grain	65	85	82	100	bushels	5,330	8,500
Soybeans	940	1,000	39	42	bushels	36,660	42,000
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	425	415	32.2	31.0	net tons	13,685	12,865
Hay, all ¹	380	410	2.8	3.2	tons	1,064	1,312

CROP REPORT - UNITED STATES September 1, 2010

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010
Corn for grain	79,590	81,005	164.7	162.5	bushels	13,110,062	13,159,700
Cotton, all	7,529	10,773	777	839	lbs: bales	12,188	18,841
Rice, all	3,103	3,623	7,085	7,047	lbs: cwt	219,850	255,319
Sorghum for grain	5,520	5,176	69.4	72.7	bushels	382,983	376,469
Soybeans	76,372	77,986	44.0	44.7	bushels	3,359,011	3,482,899
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	873.9	876.2	34.8	34.5	net tons	30,432	30,209
Hay, all ¹	59,755	59,656	2.47	2.58	tons	147,442	153,894

¹Estimates carried forward from an earlier forecast.

**State Rankings - Harvested Acres, Selected Crops:
Louisiana and 10 Leading States, 2009**

Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	LA Rank
Corn for Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	SD	KS	OH	WI	MO	19
All Cotton	TX	GA	AR	NC	MS	TN	MO	AL	LA	OK	9
All Rice	AR	CA	LA	MS	MO	TX					3
Sorghum for Grain	KS	TX	OK	CO	NE	SD	LA	NM	MO	GA	7
Soybeans	IA	IL	MN	IN	MO	NE	OH	SD	ND	KS	18
Sugarcane	LA	FL	TX	HI							1
Sweet Potatoes	NC	CA	LA	MS	FL	AR	AL	TX	NJ		3
All Wheat	KS	ND	MT	OK	SD	CO	TX	WA	NE	MN	28
Total Acres of Principal Crops Harvested¹	IA	IL	KS	ND	MN	NE	SD	TX	MO	IN	27

¹ Crops included are corn, sorghum, oats, barley, winter wheat, rye, durum wheat, other spring wheat, rice, soybeans, peanuts, sunflowers, cotton, dry edible beans, potatoes, canola, proso millet, sugarbeets, all hay, tobacco and sugarcane. Includes double cropped acres.

**State Rankings - Crop Production, Selected Crops:
Louisiana and 10 Leading States, 2009**

Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	LA Rank
Corn for Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	SD	KS	OH	WI	MO	20
Upland Cotton	TX	GA	AR	NC	MO	TN	AZ	MS	AL	LA	10
All Rice	AR	CA	LA	MS	MO	TX					3
Sorghum for Grain	KS	TX	NE	OK	SD	CO	LA	MO	IL	AR	7
Soybeans for Beans	IA	IL	MN	IN	NE	MO	OH	SD	KS	AR	18
Sugarcane	FL	LA	HI	TX							2
Sweet Potatoes	NC	CA	LA	MS	AR	AL	FL	NJ	TX		3
All Wheat	ND	KS	MT	SD	WA	CO	ID	MN	OK	NE	29

Cash Receipts From Sales: Louisiana, 2009

Rank	Commodity	Cash Receipts Dollars	Percent of Total
1	Poultry/Eggs	422,035,000	16.6
2	Sugarcane	382,061,000	15.1
3	Rice	355,582,000	14.0
4	Soybeans	330,859,000	13.0
5	Corn	288,856,000	11.4
6	Cattle & Calves	189,092,000	7.4
7	Cotton	93,707,000	3.7
8	Aquaculture	84,540,000	3.3
9	Wheat	60,068,000	2.4
10	Dairy Products	37,772,000	1.5
	All Other Commodities	294,587,000	11.6
	Total Cash Receipts	2,539,159,000	

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